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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO THE VILLAGE OF RUTLAND :

The Board of Trustees was organized the present year by the election of Dr. Charles F. Adams, President, and Joel M. Haven, Clerk.

In presenting the annual report of the affairs of the corporation, we may be permitted to congratulate our citizens upon the harmonious workings of the different departments of the village government, and for the good health and general prosperity enjoyed by our community during the past year. The evidences are ample to demonstrate the fact, that the several departments of the village are rapidly assuming system and order, each being so arranged that it will show for itself what is done in each particular division, which is made responsible for the expenditure, so that the taxpayers may be enabled at a glance to comprehend its workings and cost, thereby enabling them to increase or curtail the expenses in any department, independent of the other, as, in their judgment, the public welfare may demand. The present board have labored to reduce these several departments to a system, for the purpose of giving those who are called upon to support them by taxation an opportunity to know just *what* and *where* expenditures have been made. Heretofore it has been impossible to separate the expenditures of one from another in the general aggregate, and when the people were called upon to act in reference to various measures of expenditure, it has been a leap into the dark. So much money had been appropriated, and so much expended, none knowing in what particular department it had been used. Your Board have endeavored, so far as possible, to remedy this *

evil, that a full exposition of the corporation affairs might be made to those who pay the taxes for its support. We have in a measure reduced them to a system, but time will be required to perfectit, and, when once done, it will tend greatly to economy in the public expenditures. Believing that the separation of the several classes of labor and expenditure into departments, will meet with your approval, we express the hope that it may never again relapse into the former confused and irregular method of administering the affairs of the village. We also congratulate the people that Rutland is steadily advancing in financial prosperity, while the rapid progress of our internal improvements is sufficient to warrant the conclusion that our community will rank with any similar municipal corporation in New England. The following exhibits the workings of the various departments during the past year :

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS.

It is a matter of congratulation that our principal thoroughfares are in excellent condition. The superintendence of this department has been the present year as the year previous, under the charge of Dr. C. F. Adams. It will be seen by reference to the financial statement that the expenditure in this department has not much exceeded the highway tax. It has been the policy of the Board that whatever improvements were made upon the highways, should be of a permanent character, so that what was accomplished this year would not have to be done over again next year in precisely the same locality. While a general brushing up of all the streets might have been done, and the entire tax expended in that way, much to the gratification, perhaps, of every individual, yet past experience has shown that making merely temporary improvements was but really a waste of the peoples' money. Believing that such a course should be avoided and abandoned, a system of doing the work permanently has been adopted thinking it true economy for the village, and ultimately for the relief of our burdened tax-payers. While this course may have caused some streets to be comparatively neglected, to, perhaps, the an-

noyance and vexation of the residents thereof, yet if they will but look over the improvements that have been made, and without prejudice or passion consider the subject in the light of past experience, and in view of permanence and economy, they will, in their own good judgment, commend rather than criticise the efficient and faithful labors of the Superintendent of Streets. Let the people consider this subject in its true light, and remember that the law, as well as the true interests of the village of Rutland, require that the most frequented, traveled, business thoroughfares should receive the first attention, and it is confidently believed that a large majority will endorse the policy of permanent rather than temporary improvements. The turnpike and Main street are greatly in need of thorough repair and improvement, and should receive early attention. The condition of all the work performed on the roads for the past two years has stood the test of the frosts and rains of the spring, and give ample evidence of the permanent manner in which the work has been performed, and but little attention is needed to be given them the present year, to those wards that have been thoroughly repaired, leaving the whole tax and the labor of the Superintendent who may be appointed, to be devoted to those roads and streets that have been in a measure neglected.

It is an old and true saying, that the intelligence and enterprise of a community is manifested in the quality of its roads, and while so much is being done in this direction of public improvements in our midst, let the policy inaugurated prevail, as its failure would be detrimental to one of our greatest necessities. An examination of our roads and streets as they existed two years ago, and as they stand to-day, is the record which tests the wisdom of the improvements, and the true economy of the expenditure.

SIDEWALKS.

It is believed that the sidewalks in the principal streets are in good repair, and in a generally satisfactory condition. If in any portion of the village they are not in proper condition, it is the fault of the adjoining land owners. Im-

provements have been made on the sidewalks on Merchants' Row, near the Bardwell House, on Washington and Center and other frequented streets. The Superintendent has aimed to cause all garbage and nuisances to be removed from the streets, and has prohibited the blockade of streets and sidewalks with boxes, barrels and other matter which impeded a free passage. This is a matter which requires constant watchfulness, and pride on the part of our business men, should keep our streets clear of these incumbrances, rather than municipal ordinances.

SEWERAGE.

The Superintendent of streets, under the instructions of the village, has laid large sewers from Court street down Washington street to the main sewer on Merchants' Row, opposite the National Bank of Rutland. From the corner of Church and West streets down West to the Methodist Church; from near the Gas House, in the Seventh Ward, continuing the same to the school house in that ward; on Main street from the Turnpike to West street, continuing to Court street. These sewers were ordered by a village meeting a year ago, and a special tax was voted to secure their completion, but the condition of the pipe prevented the laying of the main sewers until the past season. The work it is confidently believed has been securely and permanently accomplished, and the favorable result of the system made manifest. The rains and frosts of the present spring have not disturbed them. It was desirable to have extended them at the south end of Main street and to have perfected them in the Seventh Ward, but the appropriation being exhausted, and feeling a great desire to extend them, a village meeting was called to make another appropriation for completing the system, but the taxpayers refused an appropriation which stopped its extension and completion. The power was taken away from the trustees to go on, and the work was suspended by circumstances beyond the control of the Board. On the subject of sewerage as ~~as~~ the permanence of highways it should be considered that the perfection of a system of sewerage is not the work of a day but years, also that each street

or each particular individual cannot be accommodated all at one and the same time, but the most important points must of necessity be reached first, because it is the main arteries that give life and health. As in reference to highways the people should look at what has been done and the benefits resulting therefrom. All sewerage is for the improvement of the highways and streets, but the people along its line are incidentally benefitted as an opportunity is afforded of draining into it. Many have availed themselves of the privilege of doing so, the individual benefitted paying the cost to the corporation. No sewers have been laid for individuals at the public expense, but each one paid for the benefits that accrued to his premises. An extension of the sewers should be commenced as soon as an appropriation is made for that purpose, and until money is furnished, the Trustees are powerless. The only reason why the sewer was not continued from the school house in the Seventh Ward to the Creek was the refusal of the village to appropriate money for that purpose. The Board had no alternative but to suspend the work, and those who complain of the matter should remember that the *people are* responsible and *not the* Trustees for the failure of its completion. A system of sewerage is promotive of cleanliness and health of the community, and is essential to its prosperity. It is greatly to be desired that when the people shall think proper that a further appropriation should be made, at least to complete what has been begun, especially to continue it in the Seventh Ward to the proposed outlet at the Creek.

STREET LIGHTS.

Our citizens have enjoyed the benefit of having the streets sufficiently lighted throughout the year. The same contract has been continued with the People's Gas Light Company at a stipulated price per post, and the time of lighting and putting out has been determined by the same method that governs the lighting of the streets in larger towns and cities. Few lamp posts have been erected during the past year. The amount expended in this department has been \$1,178.43, which is about one hundred dollars more than the previous year. The

cost of street lights cannot be fixed at a uniform rate each year, for the reasons that many times when, under ordinary calculation it would be unnecessary to light the lamps, storms and darkness occur which make it a necessity to have them lit, in variance of the regulations laid down, which adds to the cost. The present regulations have been a saving of several hundred dollars over the old method, which in the past two years has saved three hundred dollars. We know of no more economical method of lighting streets by gas than is now adopted. There has been some canvassing in the community on the score of alleged economy, with reference to dispensing with lighting the streets. This would, in our judgment, be poor economy, as the damages accruing to the village from accident, theft, burglary and robbery by those who prefer darkness rather than light, would in one single year exceed ten times the amount now paid for lighting the streets. Rutland cannot afford, for its public reputation, to dispense with lighting its streets while a majority of the railway trains depart or arrive in the evening or night time. The expenses of this department cannot be much curtailed from the present amount, but the greater sense of security it affords to persons and property justify the village in incurring the expense.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of J. M. Davis, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, with a list of the fires the past year, and an inventory of the property of this department, will be found appended to this report. From the report it appears that only eleven fires have occurred. The property of the department is generally in good condition, and the companies efficiently officered. We apprehend no great additional expenditure necessary the coming year. The Hook and Ladder Company trucks need repairs, and the company are deficient in uniforms to wholly meet their wants, the company having recently been filled up to the maximum number of fifty men, as was voted some years since by the corporation. We have not been advised whether the Nickwacket, No. 1, and Washington, No. 2, have as yet been filled up to a hundred men.

each, as was voted. In accordance with the Chief Engineer's report in 1870, it was found necessary to purchase new hose, for the proper working of the department at fires. This purchase amounted to \$1440, and was made under the direction of the Board, by a committee consisting of the Chief Engineer, First Assistant Engineer, and a member of the Board of Trustees. The damage to the Village Hall by fire left Washington Eugine Company, No. 2, without a hall. Landon's Hall has been used by them, for which rent has been paid to the amount of \$63.33. A building for the storage of the Hook and Ladder Company has been rented of John W. Cramton, for which \$350 has been paid. The Steamer and Washington Engine all were kept in the lower part of what was the Village Hall, but it is far from being a suitable place in its present condition. Notice has been given by the owners of the land on which the Village Hall stands that they desire the removal of the building, and for this reason no repairs were made beyond what were actually necessary for occupancy by the engine companies. From this statement it will be seen that at no distant period provisions will have to be made for two, at least, of the engine companies. The village may think it economy to erect a building suitable for the occupancy of the Steamer, Washington Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, with a hall for their use, rather than pay rents, which now amount to \$500 per annum. It is evident that the hose and the property stored in the Village Hall building are not provided for by the village as they should be. The expenditures of the fire department during the year have been \$3,242.82, less than one hundred dollars more than they were the year previous. The expenses of the department would have been materially lessened but for the necessity of the purchase of additional hose and the payment of rents.

The Trustees endorse the suggestion of the Chief Engineer that a larger supply of water is needed in some localities, especially in the vicinity of Court street, where some of the most valuable of our public buildings are located. There are several other points exposed to serious destruction of property, in case of fire, for lack of a supply of water.

The year has been fortunate in regard to fires.—no serious conflagrations having occurred. Our firemen have promptly and nobly met all emergencies placed upon them, and have saved by their exertions a large amount of valuable property, and none but a liberal policy should be pursued in meeting the wants and needs of the fire department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Trustees during the past year appointed five policemen, George W. Crawford, E. F. Sadler, Richard P. Spaulding, C. H. Matthews and Albert Bates. Mr. Crawford has been Chief of the Police. No policeman has received pay from the village except Mr. Crawford, who has performed the duties of night watchman, and has had the entire charge of lighting the lamps and putting them out. He has been on duty all night, and in lighting the lamps and putting them out has been compelled to travel between three and four miles each night. He has been paid the sum of two dollars per night for all the service. No other policeman has been paid a dollar from the village treasury for service in this department. The Chief of Police and police force of the village have made two hundred and sixteen street arrests during the past year for intoxication, disturbance of the peace and crime, one hundred and sixty-eight of which have been for intoxication, and in each case disclosures have been made as to the sale of liquor. During the year a petition has been presented for the discontinuance of the night police, to reduce the expenditures. Upon this no action was taken, for the safety of life and property demand a night watchman in our streets. Our village at night is now among the most quiet and orderly, and there are less burglaries than in any village of its population in the country, and the loosening of the restraints by the discharge of a night watchman, it is feared, would lead to results in progress of crime and increase of vice that would startle the community and make a sad record for our reputation. It is said that the sheriff and constables, with their deputies, afford sufficient protection. They have no authority in the premises to become night watchmen, and would hardly assume that duty without

pay for the service, and would it not be far better for the village to have its own officer responsible to them? We hardly believe that the county or the town of Rutland would assume either the responsibility or payment of officers for the protection of the village. The Chief of Police has performed his duties in the main promptly and satisfactorily to the Trustees. At the last session of the Legislature a law was passed making a police officer a grand jury man for the prosecution of parties arrested by him, and the fines received in such case to be paid into the village treasury for the benefit of the village. The Chief of Police under this law has caused to be paid into the treasury the sum of \$280 within the last six months.

RESERVOIR.

Attention is called to the financial report of the Water Commissioners, and the Commission for the construction of the new reservoir, which is embraced in the report of the auditor. The Reservoir Committee will make a report of the condition of the work and a statement of their views, directly to the village meeting, in reference to the reservoir.

TAXES.

The Trustees have the pleasure again to report that all the taxes have been collected and paid into the treasury, with the exception of a small amount that is collectable. George Willis, the collector, has been indefatigable and prompt in the performance of his duties, and it has been rarely that the collector's books have been closed with the current year. He has collected and paid into the treasury \$20,511 31 on village tax, and on sewerage tax, \$5,067 27. No salaries have been paid, except to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FINANCES.

A full statement of the finances of the village, will be found in the report of John B. Page, Auditor. This report embraces the reports of the Treasurer, Water Commissioners and Reservoir Committee. It will be seen, during the last year, the sum of \$6,526 58 has been paid on orders drawn previous to 1869, also \$6,370 69 drawn in 1867, making \$12,899 27 paid

on orders drawn, previous to the commencement of the present fiscal year, and that \$8,477 27 has been paid on orders drawn the present year. It will be seen, that if the village had been free from these orders at the annual meeting in 1870, the Trustees would have presented the village free from debt, at the present time, as no additional debt has been contracted the present year. The sewerage orders and accounts have been kept distinct from the current expenses.

The available assets are \$698 18. The orders outstanding as liabilities, \$12,537 97, leaving the balance to be provided for, \$11,838 79. A tax of the same amount as last year will pay the debts of the village, and provide for the current expenses of the coming year. This will leave the highway tax to be applied in improving our streets. It will be seen from the report of the auditors that the Trustees have been fortunate the past year, in reducing the debt of the village over *six thousand dollars*, making a reduction of the debt *nine thousand dollars* in the past two years, which will be a gratifying fact for the consideration of the tax-payers.

We thus present a statement of our official acts, preferring to do so at some length, that the people may understand precisely what has been done, rather than leave the matter to be considered in a general way, as the people have a right to know how the money contributed for the public support, has been expended. We return to the people the trust committed to us, hoping the village and its interests have received no detriment at our hands.

JOEL M. HAVEN,
CHAS. OLIMSTEAD,
HENRY CLARK,
J. W. CRAMTON,
LOREN ATWOOD,
CHAS. F. ADAMS,
E. L. FOSTER, }
} Trustees.

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES,
During the Year ending April 25th, 1871.

HIGHWAYS.

Cleaning streets, filling holes, etc., in early Spring,..	\$204 84
Dr. C. F. Adams' bills for labor and materials, as follows:	
Strong's avenue,.....	214 50
Forest street,.....	184 00
Church "	280 00
Center "	819 19
Meadow "	111 00
Grove "	429 34
Main "	350 00
William "	50 00
School "	115 00
Washington"	268 00
Merchants' Row,.....	225 00
West street,.....	1149 77
Madison "	150 00
A. C. Bates, et al., for side walks,.....	352 24
Landon & Huntoon, plows, etc.,.....	99 22
C. L. Long, repairs, tools, etc.,	11 40
M. & H. O. Edson, bill for lumber, etc.,.....	136 21
Mansfield & Stimson, grates, etc.,.....	118 00
L. G. Kingsley's bill,.....	49 24
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	\$5316 95

SEWERS.

Ripley Sons, for cement pipe,.....	5426 57
Work on sewers in Merchants' Row, West, Washington, Center and Main streets,.....	4387 50
B. N. Lampman, for sewer work on West street,..	509 08
Samuel Hayward, bill for lumber,.....	186 48
Rutland M'f'g. Co., " "	236 05
A. F. Davis, " " etc.....	121 65
" " brick, etc..	26 04
S. Terrell, " blacksmithing,.....	35 20
William Lincoln, " sand,.....	8 00
Stilman White, " brick,.....	8 50
C. L. Long, sharpening tools, etc.	87 05
Landon & Huntoon, cement, etc.....	200 00
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	\$11,232 57
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	\$16,549 52

ENGINE COMPANIES AND ENGINE HOUSES.

Ryan, repairing hose,.....	3 56
Engine Company No. 2, balance on uniforms, per vote of the village.....	104 00
Capt. W. C. Landon, expenses of committee purchas- ing hose,.....	32 00
Telegraphing to hose committee,.....	2 81
L. Button's bill for 300 feet of hose,.....	435 00
J. M. Davis' bill, expenses of parade,.....	24 00
Dan Whitcomb's bill, teams drawing engines, etc...	27 00
Lyon & Quinn " " " " "	2 00
I. Gibson, " " " " "	11 00
New York Fire Engine Manuf'g Co., bill of hose,...	1005 00
Freight bills on do.....	10 33
S. D. Jenness, for hose couplings,.....	10 70
B. K. Chase, Warden's badges,.....	15 00
W. A. Hill, mending hose,.....	6 00
L. G. Kingsley, lanterns, etc., for Steamer Co.....	30 00
G. A. Lee, repairing engine house,.....	55 25
J. L. Eddy & Co., lumber for do.....	99 09
Rutland M'f'g Co., " "	153 05
Dunn, Sawyer & Co., stove, etc., for do.....	35 60
W. C. Landon, rent of hall,.....	63 33
High School, rent of ground,.....	18 00
J. W. Cranton, rent of engine house, ..	350 00
Killington Engine Co., care of engine,...	350 00
Nickwacket " " "	150 00
Washington " " "	150 00
Hook and Ladder Co.....	100 00

	\$3242 72

	\$19,792 24

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Night Watchman,.....	\$744 65
Gas bills for street lights.....	1178 43
Mausfield & Stimson, et al., bills for gas posts and repairs,.....	247 79
Insurance on engine houses, etc.....	103 77
James Brown, surveying,.....	15 00
O. Wooster, "	10 00
O. L. Robbins, making tax-bill,.....	18 00
G. G. Reed, for care of parks,.....	5 00
Printing, advertising, etc.....	79 83
S. W. Rowell, setting out trees,.....	19 00

Treasurer, one year,.	100 00
Street signs and house numbers,.	303 40
Abatement of taxes, erroneously put in list,.	16 75
Paid Nelson Brown, and endorsed on an old village order,.	100 00
Interest on bill for steamer,.	94 91
J. W. Cramton, rent of ground for pound,.	25 00
Office expenses and clerk hire,.	75 00
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	\$3136 53
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	\$22,928 77

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Village of Rutland :

I have examined the accounts, for the current year, of the Village Treasurer, the Water Commissioners, the Committee for building a Reservoir and Collector of Taxes, and find the several accounts sustained by proper vouchers, and submit the result as follows :

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Village of Rutland in account with W. C. Landon, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1870.

April.	Balance on hand account of new Reservoir,	\$ 10 20
	Balance on hand to pay coupons on Water Bonds,.	18 00
	Received of J. M. Haven, licenses, 1869..	157 00
	Do. of Insurance on Village Hall, Vt. Mutual, .	1872 89
	Do. of B. W. Marshall, Justice of Peace,	76 26
	Do. of H. W. Porter, do. do.	58 40
	Do. of Geo. Willis, Collector,.	20,521 31
	Do. of Geo. Willis, do. Sewerage Tax, 5,067	27
	Do. for \$5,000 Village Bonds, new Reservoir account,.	4,500 00
	Do. of Jas. Barrett, Water Comm'eer,	528 00
	Balance due Treasurer on general account,	82
	Do, do. on coupon account,	30 00
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		\$32,840 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer in 1870,.....	\$ 1 75
Paid orders of Trustees, for 1865,	193 93
Do. do. do. 1868,	6332 65
Do. do. do. 1869,	6370 69
Do. do. do. 1870,	8477 17
Do. do. do. 1870, sewerage,	5067 27
Do. of Committee for new Reservoir,	4129 11
Paid coupons on new Reservoir Bonds,....	1200 00
Paid 96 coupons Acqueduct Bonds,.....	576 00
Paid costs on Justices' orders and board of prisoners in jail,.....	110 49
Balance due from Treasurer on Reservoir,	381 09
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	\$32,840 15

SUMMARY OF WATER COMMISSIONER'S ACCT.

RECEIPTS.

1870.

April. Due from Commissioners,	\$ 399 14
Received for pipe laid for sundry parties, notes given, therefore payable in water rents,	537 33
Loan of Saving Bank,.....	350 00
Received for use of Water for current year.,	5820 53

1871.

April. Due Commissioner,.....	606 47
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	\$7,713 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

For laying larger pipe, or mains, and extend- ing the Acqueduct,	\$4736 03
For rebuildiag dams,	1397 08
Ordinary repairs,.....	501 43
Paid Treasurer for interest on Bonds,	528 00
Paid on notes, payable in use of water,.....	99 63
Interest paid on loan at Savings Bank,.....	451 30
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	\$7,713 47

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT OF COMMITTEE TO BUILD
A RESERVOIR.

1870.

April. Balance on hand,	\$ 10 20
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Proceeds of \$5,000 Village Bonds, sold at 90 cents,.....	4500 00
	<hr/> \$4,510 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for materials and labor,.....	\$4129 11
Balance on hand,.....	381 09
	<hr/> \$4,510 20

George Willis, as collector, is charged with rate bills, as follows:

For Sewerage tax on list of 1869,.....	\$ 5761 79
For Village tax on list of 1870,.....	16451 61
For Highway tax on list of 1870,	5590 55
	<hr/> \$27,803 95

And is credited with

Cash paid Treasurer on tax of 1870,.....	\$20158 97
Do. do. Sewerage tax,.....	5067 27
Abatements on taxes of 1870,	879 16
Do. on Sewerage tax,.....	462 39
Collecting fees, tax 1870,	634 89
Do. do. 1869,	253 36
Balance due village,.....	347 91
	<hr/> \$27,803 95

A large proportion of the abatement allowed by the board of Trustees are for illegal taxes, assessed against parties who are non-resident, proper care in making up the grand list and tax bills would prevent the necessity for so large abatements.

From the forgoing, it appears that the available assets are:	
Balance due from Treasurer,.....	\$350 27
Balance due from Collector,.....	347 91
	<hr/> \$698 18

LIABILITIES.

For orders outstanding drawn before 1870,.....	\$ 2,462 05
Do. do. do. 1870-1,.....	10,074 92
	<hr/> \$12,536 97
Balance to be provided for,.....	\$11,838 79
Trustees estimate the expenses for current year,..	5,000 00
	<hr/> \$16,838 79

In addition to this sum to be provided for payment of the debts and current expenses, we have the proceeds of the Highway

Tax to be expended in improving our streets. The receipts for the past year have been in excess of the expenditures, and the debt of the village for orders outstanding has been decreased. It is believed that a tax no larger than last year will pay our expenses and free the village of all debt, but for the bonds issued for furnishing a supply of water. I do not find that the returns, required by law, have been made by those Justices of the Peace who have assessed fines, payable into the Village Treasury.

FUNDED LIABILITIES IN WATER COMMISSIONER'S DEPARTMENT.

Due Savings Bank,	\$ 7,850 00
Bonds due in 1872,.....	4,800 00
Bonds due in 1877,.....	4,800 00
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	\$16,450 00

The Treasurer has paid the coupons on \$9,100 only of these bonds during the year, and it is probable that \$9,600 may not be the correct amount outstanding, the original issue was \$16,000—to build the Acqueduct. I am unable to find a record of the payment of only \$6,400.

Payment of principal and interest in the Commissioner's department is provided for from the income derived from use of the Water.

JOHN B. PAGE, *Auditor.*



REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
Of the Fire Department.

TO THE TRUSTEES AND VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF RUTLAND ;

Agreeably to the Village By-Laws, prescribing the duties of the Chief Engineer, I herewith submit my report of the Fire Department for the past year.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

July 30th, 1870, Charles Sheldon's barn, between Center and Washington streets ; loss — ; insured, \$1000.

Mr. Bower's barn, loss, — ; insured, \$500.

Rev. Mr. Mill's barn, loss, \$170 ; insured, \$170.

Mr. Quilty's barn, loss, \$150 ; no insurance.

All the above carelessness of boys.

September 16th, Strong's avenue, one-half story wood building, owned by W. C. Landon, occupied by Patrick Kelly as a store and dwelling, house; entirely consumed. Loss, \$800; insured, \$500. Supposed incendiary.

September 17th, Strong's avenue, fronting Depot ground, Village Hall, owned by village of Rutland; occupied by Engine Companies Nos. 2 and 3. Insured, \$1863.58. Origin spontaneous combustion.

October 16th, Tank House of Rutland Railroad Co.; partially consumed. Loss, \$150; covered by insurance. Origin, spontaneous combustion.

December 6th, Perkins avenue, two story house owned by Norman Hudson; unoccupied, and nearly completed. Loss, \$2600; insured, \$1800. Origin, accidental.

February 12th, 1871, Center street, building owned by C. F. Richardson, and occupied by E. F. Ridlon, dry goods. Loss on goods, \$10,000; insured, \$6,000. Building covered by insurance. Origin unknown.

February 23d, Dwelling house of James Fitzgerald, on East street. Furniture and house entirely consumed. Loss, \$2000; insured, \$600 on house, and \$530 on furniture. Supposed incendiary.

March 25th, John B. Reynold's barn, corner of Center and Court streets. Loss, \$6000; insured, \$4000. Origin, carelessness of boys.

I have also made a schedule of property in the Fire Department, which you will find elsewhere.

A larger supply of water is needed in some localities. There are many points where our department could do nothing to save property from fire.

Our companies are well officered; let them be encouraged, and the interest kept up.

This report is most respectfully submitted.

J. M. DAVIS, CHIEF ENGINEER.

Rutland, April 19th, 1871.

NICKWACKETT ENGINE CO., NO. 1.

HAND ENGINE—70 MEMBERS.

G. S. Staley, Foreman; N. F. Page, 1st Asst. Foreman; Ion Lippencott, 2d Asst. Foreman; J. D. Green, Clerk.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 brick house, 1 first-class Cowing machine, 1 hose carriage, 1 hose cover, 550 feet combination hose, 50 feet three-quarter inch hose, 2 blunderbusses, 8 oil-cloth suits, 1 coal and 1 wood stove and pipe, 50 jackets and hats.

WASHINGTON ENGINE CO., NO. 2.

HAND ENGINE—70 MEMBERS.

Augustus Ross, Foreman; Isaac Gibson, 1st Assistant; James Truell, 2d Assistant; Geo. Russell, Clerk.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

No house, 1 first-class Hunneman tub, 1 hose carriage, 500 feet combination hose, 100 feet three-quarter inch hose, 2 blunderbusses, 2 coal stoves and pipe, 1 wood stove and pipe, 2 torches, 60 jackets, 6 oil-cloth suits, 10 hose belts, 25 spanners.

KILLINGTON STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., NO. 3.

35 MEMBERS.

L. G. Kingsley, Foreman; E. M. Round, 1st Assistant; H. M. Bates Clerk.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 steamer, second class, Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., 1 No. 1 hose carriage, 150 feet combination hose, 400 feet leather hose, 2 blunderbusses, 6 oil suits, 50 feet three-quarter inch hose, 30 spanners, 4 lanterns.

UNION HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO. 1.

50 MEMBERS.

G. W. Hilliard, Foreman; Jas. Levins, 1st Assistant Foreman; M. W. Nevin, 2d Assistant Foreman; C. H. Staples Clerk.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 carriage, 235 feet of ladders, 2 drag ropes, chains and hooks, 6 fire-hooks, 18 fire-forks, 2 axes, 4 bars, 1 spade, 1 shovel, 2 lanterns, 2 torches, 10 oil-cloth suits, 1 box-stove and pipe, 36 office-chairs, 28 uniforms.

WASHINGTON ENGINE CO., NO. 2.

HAND ENGINE—70 MEMBERS.

Augustus Ross, Foreman; Isaac Gibson, 1st Assistant; James Truell, 2d Assistant; Geo. Russell, Clerk.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

No house, 1 first-class Hunneman tub, 1 hose carriage, 500 feet combination hose, 100 feet three-quarter inch hose, 2 blunderbusses, 2 coal stoves and pipe, 1 wood stove and pipe, 2 torches, 60 jackets, 6 oil-cloth suits, 10 hose belts, 25 spanners,

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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 steamer, second class, Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., 1 No. 1 hose carriage, 150 feet combination hose, 400 feet leather hose, 2 blunderbusses, 6 oil suits, 50 feet three-quarter inch hose, 30 spanners, 4 lanterns.

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